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Invention: INSTRUMENT AND SYSTEM FOR PREPARING THE DISC SPACE BETWEEN TWO VERTEBRAL BODIES

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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**Robie, et al.** :  
  
Serial No.: **10/015,365** : Examiner: **Melson, Candice C.**  
  
Filing Date: **December 13, 2001** : Atty Dkt.: **Implex-18**  
  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004. Kindly enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.